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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

FREDRIC S. YOUNG

Application No.: 09/401,681

Filed: September 23, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DESCRIBING AND SIMULATING  
COMPLEX SYSTEMS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 4988

Examiner: Dwin M. Craig

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2123

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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(VIA FACSIMILE)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.